

## WILL BE ARGUED IN SUPREME COURT

Oil Company Attacks Constitutionality of North Carolina Statute.

STATE GRANTS CHARTERS

Rulings in Cases Before Corporation Commission Expected Soon.

[Special To The Times-Dispatch.]  
Raleigh, N. C., December 19.—There will be argued this week before the Supreme Court of the United States the noted case of the Red C Oil Company against the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture. In which the plaintiff attacks the constitutionality of the North Carolina statute regulating the testing and the sale of this mineral oil in this State and imposing a tax of one-half cent per gallon on oil. Ex-Judge R. W. Winson, of Aycock & Winson, counsel for the Red C Company, has gone to Washington to represent the oil company. Attorney-General T. W. Bickett is leading counsel for the State Department of Agriculture. In the trial below Judge H. G. Connor sustained the constitutionality of the North Carolina act, and the work of the oil divisions of the Department of Agriculture.

Jack London, lieutenant in the United States Navy, now stationed at the training station at Chicago, is here for a few days with friends and relatives. He is a son of Major H. A. London, Pittsboro, and is meeting with merited advancement in the naval service.

On the ground that the punishment the prisoner has already received is sufficient for the crime of assault with deadly weapon against J. M. Brown, Moore county, Governor Kitchen pardons the prisoner with the specification that Brown must pay the costs in the case and remain of good behavior. This course is recommended by the court officials, the attorney who aided in the prosecution and by the prosecuting witness who was assaulted.

News came to Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, this morning that his brother-in-law, J. W. Lane, of Lincoln, has suffered a stroke of paralysis, and that there is practically no hope for his recovery. A charter was issued to-day for the Harrison-Hall Drug Company, of Enfield, capital \$25,000 authorized and



### HERE!

All styles Victors and Victrolas.  
Prices the same—Terms easiest.

All the new and special records.

Come---Choose---Pay Later.

## Walter D. Moses & Co.

103 East Broad St.

Oldest Music House in Va. and N. C.

\$5,000 subscribed, by A. S. Harrison, J. D. Hall and others.

The Supreme Court will hold its final conference for the term on Wednesday morning and adjourn for the term, delivering the final batch of opinions at that time.

Commissions Issued.  
There were issued to-day by Adjutant-General R. L. Lester, of the North Carolina National Guard, commissions for A. A. Russell as first lieutenant and Freeman Neese as second

Lieutenant of Company L, Third Regiment, Burlington.

It will be several days yet before the Corporation Commission will announce rulings in the cases that are pending before the commission involving the passenger service at Tarboro and at Wilson, Chairman Franklin McNeill and Commissioner E. L. Travis having just returned from personal investigation of the situation at both places. Tarboro citizens are demanding a new and more adequate



Where there's a Victor-Victrola on Christmas morning, there will be joy and happiness all year around.

This wonderful instrument fills a great gap in the daily lives of people everywhere—brings the world's best music right into the home for everyone to enjoy.

And no home need be without a Victor-Victrola now.

\$15, \$25, \$40, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$150, \$200.

Victors \$10 to \$100.

Your dealer will gladly arrange terms to suit your convenience.

Victor Talking Machine Co., Camden, N. J.

Victor Needles 6 cents per 100, 60 cents per 1000.

Always use Victor Records played with Victor Needles—there is no other way to get the unequalled Victor tone.



## HAVE A Victrola In Your Home This Christmas

This is one of the most satisfactory Christmas gifts, for it will bring you in touch with all the great singers, orchestras, bands, choruses and performers of the world, and is a lasting pleasure for years to come.

### Our \$25.00 Stock of Victors and Victrolas

await your selection on easy terms, if you wish.

Victors from \$10.00 to \$100.00.

Victrola IV.....	\$25.00	Easy terms.
Victrola VI.....	\$25.00	Easy terms.
Victrola VIII.....	\$40.00	Easy terms.
Victrola IX.....	\$50.00	Easy terms.
Victrola X.....	\$75.00	Easy terms.
Victrola XI.....	\$100.00	Easy terms.
Victrola XIV.....	\$150.00	Easy terms.
Victrola XVI.....	\$200.00	Easy terms.

And in specially artistic cases up to \$400.00

### VICTOR RECORDS MUSICAL MASTERPIECES.

Ten-inch, 60c.

Twelve-inch, \$1.00.

Ten-inch double-face, 75c.

Corley Special Needles, 5c per hundred.

Victor Needles, 60c per thousand.

## The Corley Co.

SUCCESSORS CABLE PIANO CO.

## RECEIVERS PLAN TO TAKE CHARGE

Will Endeavor to Put Wabash Company in Position to Pay Its Debts.

St. Louis, December 19.—Frederick A. Delano and Edward R. Pryor, two of the receivers appointed yesterday for the Wabash Railroad Company, arrived in St. Louis late to-day from New York and prepared to-night to confer with W. K. Dixie, the other receiver, who, during the day indicated his willingness to accept appointment. It was thought possible the receivers would go before Judge Elmer B. Adams, in the United States Circuit Court to-morrow.

At the Wabash general offices Mr. Delano issued a signed statement saying that no changes in the services were contemplated.

"The decision to apply for a receiver was entirely unexpected to me. At the same time, as president of the company, I have endeavored to keep the stockholders fully advised of the condition of the company.

"The Wabash Company has been seriously handicapped ever since the reorganization of 1909, which reorganization provided no funds for improvement or development work. This made it impossible for the company to keep abreast of the requirements or to successfully compete with its aggressive and richer rivals. Disappointing results, with investments in Wabash, Pittsburgh terminal and commitments in that connection as well as the litigation growing out of these transactions, all helped to deplete the company of credit and the ability to continue in business.

"If the courts of the various districts confirm my appointment as receiver, it will be my earnest endeavor, in co-operation with the other receivers, to put the company in a position as speedily as possible to pay its debts and return the property to the stockholders. I cannot believe the public will blame the recent management of the railroad for what has happened."

Representatives of the independent stockholders of the Wabash Railroad Company are planning for the appointment of an independent committee to represent the independent

passenger station at a less dangerous and more accessible location. The present station is in the midst of a network of yard tracks. At Wilson the light is over a union passenger station, demanded by the petitioning citizens. The Atlantic Coast Line is not making any fight. The Norfolk and Southern is insisting that its station is practically new and adequate for its passenger traffic, and that even if there should be a union station ordered it would be unfair to assume the handling of its trains all the way into the yards of the present Coast Line station, which it is proposed to make the union station site; also the Norfolk and Southern insists that if a union station is ordered it should be at the present crossing of the two railroads, as far to both. It seems to be settled, however, that the crossing is entirely too far out of town to be considered at all as the place for a union station.

### TO SAVE VALUABLE RELICS. Movement to Preserve Flags Captured by Navy.

Washington, December 19.—A movement has been initiated by the Navy League of the United States, of which General Horace Porter, of New York, is president, for the repair, preservation and exhibit of flags taken in or after battle by the United States navy. A bill to this end has been introduced in Congress which has the support of the Secretary of the Navy.

These flags, numbering about 150, are now stored at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Unless prompt measures for their repair and preservation are taken, it is said, many of these historical relics will be lost to posterity. Moths, lack of proper care and other causes have combined to produce their rapid disintegration and decay. It is proposed to back each flag with a piece of fine linen, a method said to be a certain preservative.

The flags in the navy collection are of considerable historical interest. The collection includes the only English royal standard ever captured and held by any nation. This was taken by Commodore Chauncey in 1812. Others are the ensign of the insurgents captured by the Constellation, ensigns of the Guerriere, the Java, the Boxer, the Macedonian and the Frolic, all taken during the War of 1812. Other flags are Perry's flag, hoisted on his flagship, the Lawrence, bearing Lawrence's words, "Don't give up the ship," at Mexican ensign, the United States ensign hoisted in Japan by Commodore Perry in 1852, and a number of Spanish flags captured in 1898, besides a large number of others of less familiar incident.

### CASTS OF MASTERPIECES SET UP AT UNIVERSITY

[Special To The Times-Dispatch.]  
Charlottesville, Va., December 19.—The University of Virginia has just acquired and set up in the foyer of Cabell Hall, the main academic building at that institution, plaster casts of four of the first grand works of human genius—works that for two millenniums and a quarter have been educating humanity in the love of beauty. These are none other than the four Green masterpieces of sculpture, the Venus of Milo, the Hermes of Praxiteles, the Discus thrower of Myron and the Apollo Belvedere. Each of these statues represents the first achievements of the kind by the hand of man. The most precious of all is the Hermes of Praxiteles, which is the only transcendent original that has been preserved. The others are beautiful copies of lost originals.

Thomas Pfister, [Special To The Times-Dispatch.]  
Fredericksburg, Va., December 19.—Samuel Thomas, Jr., and Miss Nellie Hyrd Pfister, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Pfister, of Loudoun county, were married here in St. George's Episcopal Church, this afternoon. Miss Lucy Ashton Pfister was maid of honor and Peter V. Daniel, best man. Rev. R. J. Melville, D. D., officiated. The bride is a relative of Mrs. P. V. Daniel, of Fredericksburg. The couple left for a bridal trip north.

School of Agriculture.  
[Special To The Times-Dispatch.]  
Harrisonburg, Va., December 19.—The Rockingham Farmers' Association yesterday decided to hold another school of agriculture in January. Application will be made at once to the authorities at Blacksburg. The school last year, which was the first ever held in Rockingham and one of the first ever held in Virginia was a decided success.

121 East Broad

## Crafts Piano Co.

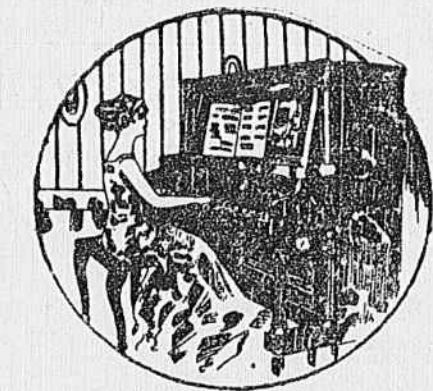
121 East Broad

Richmond's Foremost Music House.

## Make Your Gift Something Musical and Select It at Crafts

And naturally so, because Crafts is recognized as the foremost department music house of the South, offering selections from the world's finest Pianos, Player-Pianos and other Musical Instruments and Merchandise at lowest prices and upon most advantageous terms. Thousands have learned the wisdom and economy of buying from Crafts, and this great Christmas Sale is a splendid time for you to do likewise. The values are truly wonderful while the quality of every article reaches Crafts high standard.

RAFTS IS HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL THINGS MUSICAL,



### Bargain List of Slightly Used Pianos and Players

Taken in exchange for the World Famous CHICKERING AND HENRY & S. G. LINDEMAN Instruments.

MAKE	FINISH	Former Price	NOW
Standard.....	Walnut.....	\$265.	\$176.
Kimball.....	Mahogany.....	290	165.
Everett.....	Oak.....	350	190.
Heintz.....	Mahogany.....	200	101.
Hahn & Son.....	Rosewood.....	300	105.
Davenport & Tracy.....	Walnut.....	200	198.
Chickering.....	Walnut.....	550	350.
Steinway.....	Mahogany.....	500	235.

These instruments are in most instances nearly new and represent wonderful values, but it is our annual custom to divide profits with our patrons at Christmas time and this year we offer even greater bargains than in the past.

MAIL ORDERS FILLED.

### Bargains in Used Player-Pianos

MAKE	Price	NOW
Henry & S. G. Lindeman.....	\$800	\$637.
Stultz & Co.....	700	402.
Stultz & Co.....	700	364.
Crafts.....	775	536.
American.....	650	346.
Ludlow.....	600	332.

Membership in our PLAYER MUSIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY is included with the above players, and entitles the purchaser to choose selections from the largest circulating library in the South for the period of 4 years, without charge.

MAIL ORDERS FILLED.

## Victor-Victrolas

The largest and most complete Victor store in Richmond, carrying in stock all products of the Victor Company.

Come in and select the VICTOR or VICTROLA that you desire and you may pay for it in little sums at your convenience.

We suggest that you make your selections early to guard against disappointment as the demand for Victor instruments for Christmas is so great that even our large stock may become depleted later.

Our stock of Victor Records includes every number in the Victor catalog.

VICTROLAS, \$15 UP.

Little Payments Accepted.

## Christmas Music

For Churches, Choral Societies and Chorus.

ANTHEMS  
CANTATAS  
CHRISTMAS SER.  
VOICES AND SOLOS.  
Mail Orders Filled.

## Crafts

Musical Merchandise Dept.

Presents many gift selections for the musician, whether professional or amateur.

Violins from the popular priced models to the most costly Stradavarius model instruments, \$4 up.  
Banjos, Mandolins, Guitars, of the celebrated Cole make—for which we are sole agents. Other makes, \$2.50 up.  
Domestic and Imported Strings, Supplies and Accessories.  
Leather Goods, Music Stools, Music Rolls and Portfolios.  
Mail Orders Filled.

## Popular Music

All the late selections, vocal and instrumental, will be offered in our Sheet Music Department, Extra Special, this Week.

2 Copies for 10c.

Mail Orders Filled.

Visit the Hammond

## Xmas Flower Show

Flowers in bloom form a most acceptable token of Christmas wishes. Choice plants, tastefully arranged—at moderate prices.



Azelias,  
Narcissus,  
Poinsettias,  
Roman Hyacinths,  
Primroses,  
Cyclamen,  
Begonia Lorraine.

Harrisii Lilies,  
Lilies of the Valley,  
Gardenias,  
Ferns and Palms,  
Dracenas,  
Croton, Pandanus, etc.

Cut Flowers of  
Guaranteed  
Freshness  
Poinsettias,  
American Beauties,  
Geraniums,  
Lilies of the Valley,  
Roses,  
Carnations,  
Narcissus.

## HAMMOND

"Virginia's Largest Florist"

Telephone Madison 630.

109 E. Broad.